



## REDMOND PARK BOARD



### **Meeting Minutes February 3, 2005 Old FireHouse Teen Center**

#### **I. Call to order**

The regular meeting of the Redmond Park Board was called to order by Chairperson Lori Snodgrass at 7:08 p.m.

Board members present: Chair: Snodgrass, Co-chair: Kelsey, Boardmembers: Margeson, Degenstein, Callister, Ladd, Stewart and Youth Advocates: Jones and Zak

City staff present: Danny Hopkins, Director of Parks and Recreation, Timothy Cox, Park Planning Manager; Ken Wong, Old FireHouse Teen Center Director; Shannon Roach, Old FireHouse Teen Center Recreation Program Coordinator; Eva LaFollette, Old FireHouse Teen Center "on site" (YES) Youth Counselor; Becca Bregel, Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee Advisor; and Sharon Sato, Park Board Recording Secretary.

Prior to the meeting a short tour of the facilities were given to the Park Board by Ken Wong.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Motion for approval of the January 6, 2005 Redmond Park Board minutes as presented

Motion by: Kelsey

Second by: Margeson

Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

#### **III. Items from the Audience**

Eva LaFollette, Youth Eastside Services (YES) counselor, briefly described the free "on-site" counseling services for teens. Eva currently provides services 16 hours a week, 80 teens on a regular basis, 2-3 days a week, servicing/contacts over 160

teens during a one month period. Could use more hours, but is based on operating hours of the Center. Working with RYPAC on developing leadership skills, keeping teens focused, tracking teens, and redirecting teens toward more beneficial activities. Eva works with other school resource services officers in the area. Counseling services provided:

- Drug and Alcohol
- Substance Abuse
- Poverty
- Economic level/looking for work
- Homelessness/Shelter
- Medical/Healthcare - limited to homeless teens
- Mental health- depression, self harm, suicide, suicide thinking, active suicidal, bio-polar disorder
- Access to services - how to go about obtaining assistance or services

Eva also provides similar services to B.E.S.T. School students in the Lake Washington School District.

Degenstein inquired if the Teen Center had a "wishlist" or two or three items that teens might like to see at the Center. OFH Teen Center Intern, Colleen Portch read a list as follows:

- FireHouse open Monday through Saturday
- Give Eva more hours
- Cover skatepark for inclement weather use
- Expand skatepark
- Matching furniture for FireHouse
- New tips for pool cues
- Public restrooms at Park & Ride
- Big Toy/Jungle Gym for teens
- Free guitar/drums/vocal/piano lessons
- BMX course or place for teens to build their own
- More health programs
- More food at the FireHouse
- Dodgeball league
- More drinking fountains
- Paint the OFH couch room
- Budget for publicity for OFH programs
- Bus schedules posted at bus stops
- Dick's restaurant and Starbucks located at or near the OFH

- Extended bus service to Avondale - late night service (last bus - 6:30 p.m.)

Boardmember Stewart, employed by KC Metro as a Transit Safety Officer, recently met with transportation planners discussing Metro's 6-year plan and possible restructuring of the existing network of routes for "intercommunity" connections. Stewart referred Eva to Jim Arrowsmith, and/or Diane Harper at KCM to address transit concerns in Redmond for teens. Phone numbers are: 206.684.1606 or 206.684.1646.

Becca Bregal - Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee - RYPAC

Bregal, new RYPAC coordinate/advisor for Parks and Recreation, handed out an information sheet with a basic overview of the Committee, along with a youth/adult application form for anyone interested to be on the RYPAC Committee. Bregal is currently diligently recruiting Board members for youth and adult openings and has contacted surrounding junior highs, high schools, youth organizations and adult groups. The Committee will have three sub-committees - dealing with youth services and recreation, 15 to 20 members - 5 adults, 15 youths. First meeting will take place in March. Application deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Obligation is: 6-8 hours month, Committee meetings 2-3 hours one time per month, sub-committees will meet additionally outside of regular Committee meetings; there will also be some small meetings to create and facilitate program ideas. Bregal added that this is an excellent opportunity for community service hours for students. Applicants not chosen for the formal Board will be encouraged to serve on one of the subcommittees.

Snodgrass, involved in RYPAC, predecessor to RYPAC for five years, commented that seeing young people grow and mature, becoming more comfortable around adults and peers, and the development of leadership potential was very rewarding.

Bregal commented that working in a community that supported youth programs, activities and had physical space available to them, as well as, Board support, was very much appreciated.

Brad Bozman, Redmond West Little League and John Longwell, Redmond Baseball Association, requested 10 to 15 minutes at the next Board meeting to give a short presentation on their organizations. Bozman would like to let the Board know more about their organizations - who they are, who they serve, what kind of things they do.

Bob Yoder, Redmond Resident - reiterated his comments from last months' meeting on the Perrigo Heights issue. Yoder stated that he and others are starting to coordinate efforts due to timing to get City officials to look into the property known as Perrigo Heights and possibly purchasing the property before developer development. Mr. Yoder had previously forwarded a letter to the Board regarding the characteristics and wildlife of the area, as well as the how the site had been a past, present, and future refuge for many of these animal species. Perrigo Heights is located next to a riparian corridor, wetlands, seepage area and urban open space. The property is available, possibly part or all for negotiation. The property will allow 13 homes and holds six different species of trees.

Mr. Yoder noted that he would like to see the park bond be successful. He thanked the Board for their efforts and stated he would like to work with the Board and asked them to use their influence, knowledge and contacts toward preserving this site.

Snodgrass noted that this was an item that would be further discussed and thanked Mr. Yoder for his input and participation. She also added that the Board is putting together a recommendation for some type of funding mechanism and will be doing a final review of survey questions. It is intended that the survey will be out by the end of this month and at next month's meeting the results of the survey will be available and discussed. By April, the type of funding mechanism will be identified and a recommendation will be made to City Council.

Angelica Avellano, Teen Center program participant - described, to the Board, reasons why she loves the Teen Center: Cool, fun, safe, nice, everyone nice, always acquaintances, always something to do. Angelica is a student, works 40 hours a week and utilizes the Center in her off hours.

**IV. Additions to the Agenda/Handouts**  
None

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Central Park Master Plan Adoption - Cox

The Board received the final edition of the proposed Central Park MP. Cox stated that the appendices had been completed and provided an illustration of the design charrette, and summary of the process, as well as, a detailed cost estimate. The text is complete, with no significant changes anticipated. Staff believes it covers the intent of the Master Plan process and captures the goals and objectives of the Park Board. The Plan identifies, chapter by chapter, the history of the process, the various alternatives, selection of alternatives, preferred alternatives and describes the steps in the process (phased development of the park in nine different phases) and budget. As each phase comes forward, the Park Board will go through a "mini" review. The Board will be involved with the public in refining each phase, taking public input, and going forward with the plan at each phase.

Kelsey inquired if further discussion would take place on the additional phases, as far as, funding. Cox responded, that each phase would require discussion and Council approval of funding.

Motion: by Callister to submit to the Redmond City Council, the Redmond Municipal Campus Central Park Master Plan for their approval.

Second by: Margeson

Unanimously approved: 7-0

B. Trust for Public Lands Survey Draft

Cox reported that there has been follow-up correspondence from TPL noting that they had done several "run throughs" of the survey and found that the survey did run long (5 minutes) and items 12A, 12B and 19 had been removed.

Any questions pertaining to political affiliation have been "wordsmithed" or removed, and any questions that were redundant we also removed.

Motion by: Kelsey to instruct Trust for Public Lands to proceed with survey

Second by: Callister

Unanimously approved: 7-0

Responses/results will be presented at March meeting.

No further discussion.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. GrassLawn Neighborhood Park Evaluation #3**

Included in the Board's packets were the SWOT of Parks, Recreation and Operations within the GrassLawn neighborhood for Board discussion and draft GrassLawn Neighborhood recommendations.

Cox noted that at the March meeting a discussion of recommendations would be helpful. At the end of this process all nine city neighborhoods will be reviewed and prioritized by the Park Board as to direction, recommendations, and opportunities highlighted. At that point, staff will be coming back with the Park Improvement Plan to discuss potential PIP revisions and future CIP projects for funding discussion. The Parks Improvement Plan and Capital Investment Program Fund (2007-2008) could then be prepared in accordance with recommendations.

Ladd asked for a definition of "static neighborhood". Cox responded that this would imply the neighborhood is well defined, well established, mostly developed and new enough that redevelopment would be unlikely.

Snodgrass noted a suggestion/change to the section on Recreation and Arts Weaknesses - "rainouts for Fields 1 & 2", should be Fields 2 & 3, and would like to add "rainout for tennis courts". Snodgrass also asked for clarification in regards to Scott's Pond's site location.

Zak noted that the net on the back of the "hitting wall" at GrassLawn had not been installed. Cox responded that he will look into the installation and get back to the Board.

Staff is looking for comments and direction from the Board. Please e-mail comments to Tim. At the next meeting staff is asking the Board to discuss the recommendations and comments. Staff will then finalize the GrassLawn neighborhood analysis and save for future PIP and CIP cumulative discussion with the Park Board.

B. Capital Investment Program (CIP) Discussion

Hopkins briefly went over the Parks Department approved CIP Budget. Projects moving forward are:

- Idylwood Playground facility - construction to begin in spring
- Evans Creek Trail - elevated portion
- Hartman Lighting Project - next year
- Bear Creek trail at Bear Creek Park - under design

Hopkins noted that there had been some discussion regarding the budget and replacing the money expended from the Parks budget for the King County Shop Site. There had been some concurrence that this should be done, since the funds were intended to be used for parks.

CIP projects funding revisions will be presented at months' meeting. Discussion will take place, at that time, as to how the funds would be used to augment existing projects and possibly new projects. Hopkins noted that there might be some "capital dollars" available through the State. The Department is submitting a grant application to continue renovation of the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center (ORSPK) - playground area and lighting of existing tennis courts on school grounds, possible extra sports courts, continued upgrades at the Community Center - kitchen facilities for possible banquet services, to assist in possible additional revenue generation.

Hopkins added staff is looking at some potential modifications to the CIP done previously, adding projects in mid-cycle (ex. Fire Station Plaza). Suggested modifications will be presented to the Board in March at their regular meeting.

Ladd inquired if there was a "cap" on potential state funding. Hopkins responded that projects in the past had been in the \$250,000 range - ORSCC is currently in need of \$2.7 million in overall renovations. Non-profits can also apply for grants through the State - NW Center is looking to make some improvements to the Redmond Pool - expansion of existing pool and adding a therapy pool, they are also considering applying for the \$15,000 Community Starbucks Grant, which only non-profits can apply for.

More details to follow at next meeting.

C. Draft Transportation Master Plan

The Board was provided a copy of the "draft" Transportation Master Plan City staff is currently working on. This Plan has been in progress for approximately one year. Included was an Executive Summary, an overview, of what is included in the draft, along with the chapter on the Bicycle system.

Cox noted that transportation facilities and planning can directly affect park resources (Bear Creek Parkway, transit oriented development proposal - 83<sup>rd</sup> Street improvement). The calendar of events will keep the Board apprised as the improvement moves through the process towards approval. City workshops will be held on February 4 and 5 and a community workshop will be held on March 4 and 5, as well as Council study sessions, Planning Commission and other meetings.

The Bike System Master Plan incorporates and references a number of "backbone" trails the Trails Commission has worked on, which has been included in this Master Plan. Significant funding has been derived from designation of select trails as transportation facilities - et. al, Sammamish River Bridge and trail behind Safeway at Bear Creek Park.

Snodgrass noted that staff had added the multi-nodal component to their transportation plans, creating a transportation system that is one whole component.

Cox added that Kurt Seemans, Transportation Planner, would be available to attend a future meeting to further discuss and answer any questions the Board might have. The Board agreed.

Kelsey also added that he felt it would be a good idea for the Board to reaffirm their position in regards to the Bear Creek extension.

## **VII. Reports - Project - Reports**

### **A. 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Enhancements**

Cox noted that plans for the enhancements are 100% complete. The project is moving forward and has been funded. Construction will begin this spring/summer.

Kelsey inquired if it would be feasible to cover the skatepark while enhancements were being done. Hopkins responded that staff had been



researching several options and evaluating the practicality and cost of covering some Parks facilities. Staff would be researching the benefits, portability, durability, safety, and cost effectiveness in this venture. Kelsey added that staff might look at this as they did the field turf, with the question, "is this cost effective".

The Board will be updated as staff proceeds with their findings.

**B. Idylwood Park Playground**

Cox stated that the preliminary site plans/design for the playground area (as identified in the Idylwood Opportunity Study), which Parks and Park Operations have been working on with the designer, will be brought before the Board in March. Accessibility, proximity of play area to other amenities, planning process and equipment selection will be discussed at the March meeting. Construction will begin spring 2005.

**VIII. Coming Attractions**

**A. Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association (LWYSA)**

Hopkins reported that LWYSA has approached the City to extend their 5-year agreement. They would like to address the Park Board on future plans for the 60 Acre facility. The Agreement will be addressed in March and a future date will be set up for representatives from the Association to give a presentation.

**B. Transportation Oriented Development Planning (TOD)**

Cox briefly summarized the update on the TOD Planning status. The Board had previously been given information on the transit stop. Funding has been approved to move forward with the design of the transit spot - north side adjacent to the skatepark, as the design moves forward, Joel Pfundt, Transportation Planner, will be giving a presentation on the complete design.

Stewart reported that the project's projected timeline is 18-24 months from beginning to end, this timeline includes all the preliminary steps including bids. KC Metro will likely come before the Board, at least once, during the process. Plans will include frontage improvements on 83<sup>rd</sup> and safer corner, and redefining the border. The Parks Dept. will define a picnic area and plant trees.

**C. Downtown High Capacity Transit Study**

The City is getting ready to embark with the consultant on the analysis of the alignment of station location for high capacity transit. At some point the

consultant will come before the Board to further explain what this means, and what it might mean for the City. Staff will provide information to the Board.

D. Gasline Maintenance at the Watershed

Hopkins reported that there is a gasline easement running through the Watershed. Last month the company inspected the durability of the existing gasline and in the future the pipe will be replaced. The pipe will remain in its existing corridor, and will impact the north/south trail. This project will be carefully monitored by staff. Staff will keep the Board posted and a representative will address the Board in the next month or two. This will impact a piece of the trail and will take approximately one year.

E. Annual Pool Report

Hopkins reported that NW Centers had finalized their annual report on the Redmond Pool. Hopkins will e-mail copy to Board members. The reports good statistics and some capital improvements (replaced lighting, etc.).

F. Sammamish Rowing Association

The City Attorney, Jim Haney, will review the scope and issues presented by the Rowing Association to determine if it is legally feasible to move forward.

G. Ann Callister

Callister announced that her 6 years (2 terms) with the Park Board will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>. She will not be requesting reappointment and thanked the Board.

Hopkins thanked Callister for her service on the Board.

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Kelsey  
Second by: Ladd  
Approved: 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Snodgrass, Chair

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Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Sharon Sato

Next Regular Meeting  
March 3, 2005  
7:00 p.m.  
Location: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center